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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1-3. (Cancelled)

4. (New) A radial-ply tire comprising:

a carcass with a tread provided over the carcass;

a belt including four or more belt plies interposed between said carcass and said tread, said belt plies having edge ends between which widths of said belt plies are defined;

said belt plies including an outermost belt ply having an outermost belt ply width TBW and an adjacent ply having a width NBW wherein TBW is greater than NBW;

a parameter K having a value not less than 0.1 and not more than 0.4, wherein K is defined by the following equation

$$K = \frac{MBW - TW}{OW - TW}$$

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where MBW is a maximum belt ply width of said belt plies, OW is a maximum tire width of the radial ply tire, said tread has a tread width TW, MBW is greater than TW, TBW is greater than TW, and NBW is less than TW.

5. (New) The radial-ply tire of claim 4, wherein the tire has a shoulder having a side wall provided with a raised portion about an imaginary extension of the belt intersecting the side wall.

6. (New) The radial ply tire of claim 4, wherein the ply of the width MBW is below and adjacent the belt ply of the width NBW.

7. (New) The radial ply tire of claim 4, wherein the belt consists of four belt plies.

8. (New) The radial ply tire of claim 5, wherein the height of the raised portion extends to between 3 and 20 mm extending normally from a substantially straight virtual boundary extending from an outer circumferential edge of the raised portion to an inner circumferential edge of the raised portion.

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9. (New) The radial ply tire of claim 8, wherein the belt ply of the width MBW is below and adjacent the belt ply of the width NBW.

10. (New) The radial ply tire of claim 9, wherein the belt consists of four belt plies.

11. (New) The radial ply tire of claim 8, wherein the height of the raised portion extends to between 3 and 15 mm.

12. (New) The radial ply tire of claim 11, wherein the belt ply of the width MBW is below and adjacent the belt ply of the width NBW.

13. (New) The radial ply tire of claim 12, wherein the belt consists of four belt plies.